IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert after the title and before the first paragraph at page 1, the following paragraph:

--The present application is a continuation application of Application No. 09/356,692, filed July 20, 1999, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/380,336, filed January 30, 1995 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,014,169, issued January 11, 2000), which is a continuation of Application No. 07/928,099, filed August 13, 1992 (abandoned), which is a continuation of Application No. 07/715,457, filed June 14, 1991 (abandoned), the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 1, line 8 and ending at line 11, as follows:

--In recent years, video cameras have ~~remarkably~~ become remarkably popular since they have compact, lightweight structures, variable magnifications, and multifunctions.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 1, line 12 and ending at line 16, as follows:

--In the above-mentioned video camera, most ~~of~~ functions associated with an image pickup operation are automated. Therefore, an unsuccessful image pickup operation caused by the functions of the video camera itself rarely occurs.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 1, line 17 and ending at line 22, as follows:

--The video camera is most frequently used in a hand held ~~holding~~ state. In this state, the frame may be considered to be always vibrated. In recent years, degradation of image quality caused by the frame vibration, and an uncomfortable situation such as "video sickness" are discussed as problems.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 2, line 3 and ending at line 10, as follows:

--In recent years, an image pickup apparatus, which comprises ~~an~~ image vibration correction means comprising optical axis decentering means, ~~means~~ such as a variable angle prism, ~~prism~~ for decentering an optical axis of an image pickup optical system according to a vibration of a camera and thereby locating ~~to locate~~ an optical image on a predetermined focal plane of an image pickup element, has been developed.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 2, line 18 and ending at line 23, as follows:

--In the above-mentioned apparatus, since the optical axis is decentered by the variable angle prism, a lens barrel system need not be moved, and increases in the size and weight of the camera main body can be minimized. Thus, a good image can be obtained by effectively preventing an image vibration.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 6, line 3 and ending at line 10, as follows:

--It is the third object of the present invention to solve the conventional problems, and to provide an image pickup apparatus which can effectively perform ~~an~~ image vibration correction, and can effectively prevent discontinuous images even when an image vibration correction mode is disabled during an image recording operation ~~performed while the image vibration correction mode is enabled~~.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 6, line 11 and ending at line 22, as follows:

--It is the fourth object of the present invention to provide an image pickup apparatus which can effectively perform an image vibration correction since it controls to hold an optical axis decentering position of optical axis decentering means when an optical axis decentering driving operation by the optical axis decentering means is stopped during an operation of a recording means, and can effectively prevent discontinuous images even when an image vibration correction mode is disabled during an image recording operation ~~performed while the image vibration correction mode is enabled~~.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 6, line 23 and ending at page 7, line 4, follows:

--It is the fifth object of the present invention to provide an image pickup apparatus which can effectively perform an image vibration correction, and can effectively

prevent formation of discontinuous monitor images as finder images even when an image vibration correction mode is disabled during an image recording operation performed ~~while the image vibration correction mode is enabled~~.--